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1. In a letter dated 23 September 2013, a copy of which is appended as Annex I, the Secretary General of the Terre des Hommes International Federation made a formal application for his Organization to be accorded observer status at meetings of the IOM Council. The Director General's reply thereto, dated 18 October 2013, is appended as Annex II. An appropriate item will be included on the provisional agenda of the 103rd Session of the Council.
2. This matter falls under rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure for the Council which provides that the Council may admit, upon their application, international organizations, governmental and non-governmental, concerned with migration, refugees or human resources as observers at its meetings.
3. An appropriate draft resolution will be submitted to the Council when this matter comes up for decision.

Annex I

**LETTER DATED 23 SEPTEMBER 2013 FROM THE TERRE DES HOMMES
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION**

Sir,

IOM's programmes and activities in the field of migration are of great interest to the Terre Des Hommes International Federation and we would wish to establish a closer relationship with your Organization.

Contacts have been established between the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Terre Des Hommes International Federation at field level but also at Geneva level.

I am pleased to inform you that the Terre Des Hommes International Federation desires to take part in the work of the International Organization for Migration by obtaining observer status to the meetings of the IOM Council and I shall appreciate your taking the necessary steps to submit this request to the Council for its consideration.

Terre Des Hommes has a long working relationship with IOM in its field work and at global level. Terre Des Hommes is running a campaign on children in the context of migration (www.destination-unknown.org). It is also active in the national, regional and global collaborative work with a focus on the protection of migrant children (children on the move) leading to the UN High Level. Both IOM and Terre Des Hommes are active members of the InterAgency Group on Children on the Move.

[Complimentary ending]

Annex II

**LETTER DATED 18 OCTOBER 2013 FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION TO
THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE TERRE DES HOMMES
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION**

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 23 September 2013 seeking observer status for the Terre des Hommes International Federation in the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Indeed, I can only note with appreciation the relationship between Terre des Hommes International Federation and IOM in the field of migration, and in particular the protection and assistance provided to children. I also highly appreciate the contribution of member organizations of Terre des Hommes International Federation in collaboration with IOM and IOM country offices in the production of reports on migrant children. Following the 2010 International Conference on Protecting and Supporting Children on the Move in Barcelona, the formation of the InterAgency Group on Children on the Move, of which both IOM and your organization are members, is an example of our commitment to the protection and support of these children. It is therefore my belief that both our organizations could benefit from a further strengthening of this already close and cordial relationship.

It will be possible to take the necessary action to place your request before the IOM Council during its next regular session, to be held in Geneva from 26 to 29 November 2013. An appropriate document formally presenting your application will be distributed to all Member and Observer States prior to the November 2013 Council session. You will receive a copy of this document, together with further details and procedural information concerning the Council session.

A formal invitation to attend the session, during which Terre des Hommes International Federation's application for Observer Status is presented to the Member States, will also be sent to you.

It gives me great pleasure to receive your request for observer status. Allow me therefore to express my satisfaction at the prospect of furthering the relationship between our two organizations.

[Complimentary ending]